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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants thank Examiners J. Seharaseyon and C. Saoud for the informative and productive telephonic interview on May 22, 2007, a summary of which is included herein.

A Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment, extending the period for response through May 29, 2007.

Claim Amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper, and

Remarks begin on page 11.